

Russian Defence Ministry report on the progress of the special military operation in Ukraine

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Russian Federation Armed Forces continue the special military operation.

■ **In Kupyansk direction**, more than **30** Ukrainian servicemen, **2** infantry fighting vehicles and **4** vehicles have been eliminated as a result of the shelling of enemy strongpoints near Kislovka, Krakhmalnoye and Berestovoye (Kharkov region).

■ **In Krasniy Liman direction**, as a result of the Russian attack aircraft and artillery the enemy's munition and artillery have been neutralised near Nevskoye and Novolyubovka (Lugansk People's Republic). In addition, **2** AFU sabotage and reconnaissance groups have been destroyed near Medvezhye tract and Serebryansky forestry (Lugansk People's Republic). Over **40** Ukrainian servicemen and mercenaries, **3** armoured fighting vehicles and **2** pick-up trucks have been eliminated.

■ **In Donetsk direction**, Russian troops, supported by attack aircraft and artillery strikes, continued their offensive.

High-precision strikes by the Russian Aerospace Forces have hit enemy strongpoints near Artyomovsk (Donetsk People's Republic). More than **80** Ukrainian servicemen and mercenaries, **2** tanks, **5** armoured fighting vehicles and **6** motor vehicles have been eliminated.

■ **In South Donetsk direction**, up to **45** Ukrainian servicemen, **4** armoured personnel carriers and **3** pickup trucks have been eliminated as a result of active actions of Russian units and complex fire attacks on the AFU near Novomayorskoye, Prechistovka and Vodyanoye (Donetsk People's Republic).

 **Operational-tactical and Aviation, Missile Troops and Artillery** have neutralised **62** AFU artillery units in firing positions, manpower and military equipment in **87** areas. **2** AFU artillery munition depots have been destroyed near Novoselidovka (Donetsk People's Republic).

 **1 US-made AN/TPQ-50 counter-battery control station** has been destroyed near Ivano-Daryevka (Donetsk People's Republic). **1 Ukrainian S-300 surface-to-air missile system** has been destroyed near Kharkov.

 **2 US-made M777 artillery systems** have been destroyed during counter-battery warfare near Selidovo (Donetsk People's Republic). In addition, **2 US-made M777 artillery systems** have been destroyed near Konstantinovka, from which shelling of residential areas of the Donetsk People's Republic had been carried out.

 **1 AFU Su-25 aircraft** has been shot down by the Russian Aerospace Forces near Orekhovo-Vasilevka (Donetsk People's Republic). **1 Ukrainian Mi-8 helicopter** has been shot down near Kramatorsk (Donetsk People's Republic).

 **10 unmanned aerial vehicles** have been shot down by anti-aircraft defence forces near Makeyevka, Novovodyanoye and Kremennaya (Lugansk People's Republic), Olginka, Volodino, Kuteynikovo, Yasinovataya (Donetsk People's Republic), Malinovka, Maliye Shcherbaki and Pologi (Zaporozhye region). In addition, **2 US-made HIMARS multiple-launch rockets** have been intercepted near Komissarovka (Lugansk People's Republic).

 **In total, 351 airplanes and 189 helicopters, 2,704 unmanned aerial vehicles, 399 air defence missile systems, 7,207 tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, 936 fighting vehicles equipped with MLRS, 3,702 field artillery cannons and mortars, as well as 7,722 units of special military hardware** have been destroyed during the special military operation.

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💥 1 Ukrainian **electronic warfare station**,

1 **M777** artillery repair point and 3 **munition depots** have been destroyed.

✈️ 2 AFU **MiG-29 aircraft** and 1 **Mi-8 helicopter** have been destroyed by Russian Armed Forces.

📹 **Footage** of combat actions of Russian T-72B3M tank, Su-25 ground-attack aircraft and 2S3 Akatsiya SPG within the special military operation.

👉 **Mobilised personnel and volunteers** continue their training in the rear area of the special military operation.

⚓ **Combat ships** of Pacific Fleet and Chinese naval forces begin practising tasks of Sea Cooperation 2022.